



GREYFRIARS ST CUTHBERT'S

Sunday Service at St Cuthbert's

The Revd Dr George Whyte

Interim Moderator

Mr Graham MacLagan

Director of Music

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The First Sunday of Creationtide

Sunday 6 September 2026

A warm welcome to Greyfriars St Cuthbert's.

Today is the **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**. It is also the **First Sunday of Creationtide**, which is a worldwide celebration of prayer and action from 1 September to 4 October (the Feast of St Francis of Assisi). The appropriate colour for this season of the church year is **green**.

This morning, we welcome the **Revd David Rodriguez**, Assistant Minister at St Giles' Cathedral, to lead our worship.

Hymns are unannounced and sung standing unless otherwise indicated. Please ask one of the Duty Elders if there is not a hymnbook (purple Church Hymnary) near your seat.

The text of the **Psalm** can be found in this Order of Service. The **Alleluia**, the **Creed** and the **Lord's Prayer** can be found in the hymnbook at the numbers indicated.

Bible Readings are taken from the New Revised Standard Version. Please ask one of the Duty Elders if you would like a copy.

Congregational responses are printed in **bold**. The congregation is encouraged to join in with the saying of '**Amen**' at the end of prayers.

Please join us after the service in the Lammermuir Hall for tea and coffee.

All our services are available for viewing at any time on our YouTube channel. If you do not wish to be seen on the broadcast, please make your wishes known.



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APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT

Oh, hear my prayer, Lord,
unto me answer make,
and, in thy righteousness,
upon me pity take.

Because I trust in thee,
O Lord, cause me to hear
thy loving-kindness free,
when morning doth appear.

Church Hymnary, Fourth Edition, Hymn 98: 1, 4
The Scottish Psalter, 1929, Psalm 143: 1, 8a, altered
Music: 'Salen', American melody, 18th century
harmonised by the compilers of Church Hymnary, Fourth Edition

OPENING SENTENCE

Cry out, shout aloud,
for the Holy One of Israel is among us in majesty.

Isaiah 12: 6

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

159 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided

CALL TO PRAYER

please remain standing

PRAYERS OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

please be seated

ABSOLUTION

COLLECT OF THE DAY

**Stir up, O Lord
the wills of your faithful people,
that richly bearing the fruit of good works,
we may by you be richly rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR
CREATIONTIDE

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for your gracious providing
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you
and also with you.

HYMN

238 Lord, bring the day to pass

THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 12: 1-14

EPISTLE

Romans 13: 8-14

PSALM 149

1 Praise ye the Lord: unto him sing
a new song, and his praise
in the assembly of his saints
in sweet psalms do ye raise.

Tune at Hymn 6

2 Let Isr'el in his Maker joy,
and to him praises sing:
Let all that Zion's children are
be joyful in their King.

3 O let them unto his great name
give praises in the dance;
let them with timbrel and with harp
in songs his praise advance.

4 For God doth pleasure take in those
that his own people be;
and he with his salvation
the meek will beautify.

5 And in his glory excellent
let all his saints rejoice:
Let them to him upon their beds
aloud lift up their voice.

6 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, and is,
and shall be evermore. Amen.

The Scottish Psalter, 1929, Psalm 149: 1-5

THE GOSPEL	St Matthew 18: 15-20
ALLELUIA	<i>the music can be found at Hymn 751</i>
THE SERMON	'How to Help the Wanderer' The Revd David Rodriguez

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM	Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, Love most bright, drawn by thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light. Word of God our flesh that fashioned with the fire of life impassioned, Striving still to Truth unknown, soaring, dying round thy throne. Through the way where Hope is guiding, hark, what peaceful music rings, where the flock, in thee confiding, drink of joy from deathless springs. Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure, theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure. Thou dost ever lead thine own, in the love of joys unknown.
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Text: Martin Jahn (c.1620-c.1682),
 translated by Robert Bridges (1844-1930)
 Music from Cantata 147, J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE APOSTLES' CREED	<i>the text can be found at Hymn 628</i>
HYMN	555 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION	<i>One of the following responses may be used:</i> Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer. Lord, hear us: Lord, graciously hear us.

THE OFFERING *is collected, and received and dedicated during the singing of:*

DOXOLOGY

**To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, and is,
and shall be evermore.**

Hymn 806

SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYERS OF
THANKSGIVING and
THE LORD'S PRAYER

the text can be found at **Hymn 652, second form (b)**

DISMISSAL HYMN

179 Ye holy angels bright

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

Threefold Amen

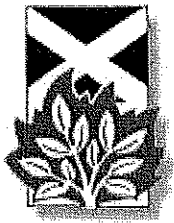
Music: Danish

ORGAN RECESSIONAL

Herr Gott, nun schleuß den Himmel auf BWV1092

Lord God, now open up heaven

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



Greyfriars St Cuthbert's, Edinburgh
Notices for St Cuthbert's Church
6th September 2026

Weekly Intimations

Prayerful Practice

From the 1st of September we entered the Season of Creation, this special time of ecumenical solidarity. As we celebrate God as Creator, and acknowledge Creation as God's continuing work, we pray that we are called as collaborators to love and care for all that is created. Gather us into right relationship: with You, with one another, with the Earth that is our kin and our home.

Today

We welcome Rev. David Rodriguez, BA, MDiv, ThM, Assistant Minister, St Giles' Cathedral, to lead us in worship at 9.30am Communion Service in the War Memorial Chapel and at 10.30am in the Sanctuary.

Wednesday 9th September, 7pm: Kirk Session Meeting – Greyfriars Kirk

We remind all Kirk Session Elders of the Kirk Session meeting this coming Wednesday, 9th September at 7pm at Greyfriars Kirk.

Sunday 13th September. 10.30am: Sunday Worship followed by Holy Communion

Next Sunday 13th of September we welcome our Interim Moderator and Locum Minister Rev Dr George Whyte to lead us in worship at 10.30am with a celebration of Holy Communion thereafter in the Anam Chara Chapel.

Tuesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am – noon

Pop along for a coffee and a chat. This is held in the Lindisfarne Room.

Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2026

Following a hugely successful Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2026, we express sincere thanks to all here at St Cuthbert's for all their hard work in making this happen.

Saturday Coffee Mornings

26 th September	10am-1pm (In Lindisfarne Room)
31 st October	11am-2pm
28 th November	11am-2pm

Notice for all members of the congregation

Are you interested in what happens at a Kirk Session Meeting? The Session Clerk Team are looking for a volunteer to take the Kirk Session Meeting minutes. Kirk Session meetings are usually on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening and occur 6 - 10 times per year depending on the level of activity. This is a great opportunity to understand how the church is governed by the Trustees. Please do speak to any member of the team for more details. The team members are - Nigel Robb, Anne Bradbury, Hilary Clydesdale, Christine McGuinness.

FreshStart

FreshStart are very grateful for all our donations of household items and non-perishable food. Please continue to place your donations in "The Big White Box" in the vestibule. If you are unable to deliver them, please telephone Jim McLean on **0131 332 5114** and leave a message with your name, phone number and that the call is about FreshStart, or email jamesangusmclean@gmail.com

Prayer Circle

Prayer requests should be made to **Irene Gill** on **0131 226 2727**. For longer term prayer, please add names to the purple book in the vestibule. If you could be part of the Prayer Circle and spend time praying for others, please contact Irene.

Bible Fellowship Group Meetings from 3rd September

All are welcome to the Thursday nights Bible Fellowship meetings from 7.30pm to 8.45pm via Zoom. Our next subjects are the speeches by Paul in Acts. If you have not tried such a group before, please give this one a try. You will receive a warm welcome. You can listen or join in the discussions as suits you. Zoom details from martin.pearce2109@outlook.com

Parking in the Graveyard

Following discussion with City of Edinburgh Council, we are reminded that the churchyard is not a car park. We ask that the spaces available are used by those with mobility issues, and that those who are able park on Kings Stables Road. Parking Charges commence at 12.30pm, so there should be adequate time for you to enjoy your coffee and still get away in time. We await further information.

